

The Kougar Column

Robert Lukens - MS/HS Principal

Dear Kadoka Area,
This week, I will write about how our state's commitment to dual credit courses could potentially impact how we think about early childhood education and can delay decisions on accelerated learning in public schools? What are the potential effects of this on the high school level as we go forward?

to expand this discussion. If students' minds are mature enough in the high school years, they can save families thousands of dollars in high education costs by being mature enough to take dual credit courses in their high school years.

As the roundtable discussed, building a foundation of maturity for students in the early years can pay dividends for families who commit to helping their children learn and gain the skills that will be the bedrock of their educational growth in K-12 schooling. Many times, families consider the cost of having their child in their household an extra year as an expense when deciding when and how to invest in early childhood education. Still, a trend could be erupting in education that was isolated to athletics previously. A higher occurrence of older early childhood entrants could be coming in the United States.

Recently, a student from North Dakota was in the news because she was the first in that state to earn an entire associate's degree and graduate two years of college before she could give her speech at her high school graduation. At the University of South Dakota, the cost of credit is \$354 each. If a student at KAHS can complete their 60 credits of an associate's degree before graduation, they would save the family over \$21,000 in tuition costs.

While missing two years of higher education is not going to be a typical result for any child, it is essential to recognize that, indeed, it is about the timing of the decision. There is no exact science as to when and how to be a parent and work through the primary years of education; it is essential to recognize that every child is different and will grow at a different pace. Families may find it attractive to decide to accelerate the growth of their student's education at age 16 instead of age 5, allowing them to understand better the child's skills and desire to achieve. Time will tell if the pattern of later entrance into early childhood and early entry into dual credit courses becomes more commonplace. Still, recent conversations advocate that it isn't going away.

Sincerely,
Robert Lukens

Jackson County Conservation District Arbor Day poster/essay contest

Arbor Day was Friday, April 29th this year. Every year the Jackson County Conservation District sponsors a 5th grade poster contest and a 5th and 6th grade essay contest. The Kadoka Elementary 5th graders have participated in both for many years. This year's Jackson County winners are Kaine Sitting Up and Owen Grimes. Jennifer Van Pelts 5th grade class elected Owens poster as the class winner which was then sent up to the state level. The top 12 posters are featured in the Annual South Dakota Arbor Day Poster Contest Calendar and Owen's poster placed 9th. Kaine Sitting Up's essay was chosen by the Jackson County Conservation District's Manager for its originality. All kids participating in the contests received a conservation grade Honeylocust tree and Honeylocust tree seeds to plant and a backpack.



Owen Grimes
Courtesy Photo



Owen Grimes' winning poster.
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Kaine Sitting Up's Essay

Trees are the reason we are alive. Without trees we would not have oxygen because without oxygen we would die. Trees are special to the human beings because they give us oxygen. That is why we need trees. Also, there are other trees like coconut trees and palm trees. There are trees that could help us with water like a coconut tree and a banana tree will help us with hunger.

And other trees could help us build shelter, tools, and hunting tools like spears special to us. That is why we need trees to live to survive. Trees are crucial part to mankind. Without plants and trees certain animals would not be alive. Trees are a cool species of plant.

Some people don't know the importance of trees and why we need them. Trees are the reason mankind made it through the years and decades and centuries.

When I was younger my mom set up a hammock, I would sit under this tree with my brother cousins play games with my cousins and my brother we talked played. Tag hide and seek.



Van Pelts' 5th grade class
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2022 Pennington County 4-H Rodeo

The 2022 Pennington County 4-H Rodeo was held at the Wall Rodeo Arena on May 28 with 200 contestants from ages 8 to 18. Those placing 1st thru 4th in the average, in the Jr. and Sr. Divisions, have now qualified for the State 4-H Rodeo Finals to be held in Ft. Pierre, SD, August 19-21.

High Point Saddle Winner
Adly Aman
Sr. Boys All-Around
Rhone Schmidt
Thayne Elshere
Sr. Girls All-Around
Shelby Derner
Jr. Boys All-Around
Adley Aman
Jr. Girls All-Around
Kobi Millar
Adessa Haugen
Jr. Jr. All-Around
Hinsley Harvey
SR. BOYS BAREBACK RIDING
Kade Montague - 58
SR. BOYS TIE DOWN ROPING
Matthew Heathershaw - 10.32
Cade Hammerstrom - 12.32
Ryan Koupal - 12.55
Prestyn Haugen - 12.66

Jace Blasius - 16.01
Buddy Howie - 17.13
Brand Hilgenkamp - 18.40
Tate Schlueter - 23.92
Mickey Strawn - 25.83
Jet Jensen - 27.12
SR BOYS SADDLE BRONC
Thayne Elshere - 69
SR BOYS STEER WRESTLING
No Qualified Runs
SR BOYS BULL RIDING
Thayne Elshere - 63
SR TEAM ROPING
Teagan Gourneau/Matthew Heathershaw - 11.19
Jace Blasius/Burk Blasius - 14.84
Tate Schlueter/Walker West - 15.00
Shaylee Porch/Ryen Sheppick - 16.00
Anika Main/Buddy Howie - 16.33
Sierra Hilgenkamp/Brand Hilgenkamp - 16.96
Cole Finn/Cass Finn - 18.04
Jadon Jensen/Jet Jensen - 21.87
Shelby Derner/Cade Hammerstrom - 24.63
T. Merrill/Cayne Merrill - 30.85
SR GIRLS BARREL RACING
Piper Cordes - 16.511
Lucy Moon - 16.895
Jonnie Anders - 17.084
Shelby Derner - 17.299
Taylyn Cass - 17.354
Wraylee Brown - 17.465

T. Merrill - 17.617
Teryn Shearer - 17.656
Josie Menzel - 17.670
Wregan Brown - 17.673
SR GIRLS BREAKAWAY ROPING
Jayda Reinert - 2.97
Jessica Caspers - 3.01
Anika Main - 3.55
Wraylee Brown - 3.58
Shaylee Porch - 4.08
Griffin Grooms - 4.14
Shelby Derner - 4.27
Laramie Nutter - 4.29
Avari Dorrance - 4.47
Jonnie Anders - 7.08
SR GIRLS GOAT TYING
Taylor Price - 10.55
Alexis Huiras - 11.07
Kenley Parker - 12.42
Lydia Main - 13.05
Lucy Moon - 13.67
Anika Main - 13.84
Ashley Schriever - 13.89
Fayth Martin - 14.69
Caroline Witte - 14.94
Piper Cordes - 15.84
SR GIRLS POLE BENDING
Piper Cordes - 21.490
T. Merrill - 21.540
Laramie Nutter - 21.620
Kellany Shearer - 21.800
Tava Sexton - 21.810

Ryen Sheppick - 22.230
Taylyn Cass - 22.300
Maddie Collins - 22.460
Griffin Grooms - 22.680
Mica Rypkema - 22.680
SR GIRLS RIBBON ROPING
Shelby Derner - 6.92
Wraylee Brown - 8.54
Tel Elshere - 9.04
JR BOYS BAREBACK STEER RIDING
No Qualified Rides
JR BOYS CATTLE RIDING
Conner Crowser - 66
Colton Dorrance - 62
Adly Aman - 59
Tilden Thompson - 58
Gatlin Cordes - 57
Taylor Stuen - 56
Tel Elshere - 51
JR BOYS GOAT TYING
Gatlin Cordes - 10.39
Adley Aman - 11.26
Joshua Main - 13.75
Koyle King - 15.14
Cooper Cobb - 15.24
Tilden Thompson - 16.17
Kamden Hamiel - 16.40
JP Jensen - 16.48

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